



CTC/CSU Alumni Spotlight

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I chose Chicago State University for its rich history of providing excellent education to students in Chicago, the country, and abroad. Chicago State University's class sizes and dedicated professors gave me a quality education in the city that raised me as a man: the city of Chicago.



A moment that I'll never forget; one that has continued to bless my life in profound ways, was being highlighted as a student speaker at the 2004 CSU Foundation Gala. The moment has kept me grounded and reminds me of the critical responsibility to live worthy of the shoulders upon which I stand.

"I chose CSU as my home because it sought to educate students from non-affluent communities that deserved the opportunity to have a quality education."

I would encourage current CSU students to understand that dreaming alone

isn't good enough. Rather, it is the daily fight and intense struggle obtaining “the dream” that creates who we are to become. **Our legacies won't be found in the stuff we obtain, nor the successes of time on earth, but in the rich currency of the lives we help bless;** the people we walk beside in the valley of despair and hopelessness — forever living in the communities we aid in change.

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